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Dear Tracy:

I write to you once more concerning the possibilities for Bodenstein in your Dept. I found out that he is extremely vexed of his present situation, doing uninteresting and apparently useless routine work in a mosquito control project, without any chance to do research even at night. He is a man who puts all his ambition in research work, and is getting in awfully low spirits. Do you think that it would be of any avail to try to push his case with Dean Payne through some outside people (like Dunn, or others), under whatever form you may think useful? Do you feel that there is some chance for him, and that you would approve of his appointment if it were question of it? I do not know at all the situation in your Dept., but I really feel that it would be a very good acquisition to get a man like Bodenstein with an interest in fundamental biology, and now available ~~for~~ at any condition, whereas later it may become increasingly difficult to get good men due to renewed competitions from other schools. Could you answer the above as soon as possible? Bodenstein is due here shortly for a couple of days, and if you suggest it I may talk to him and indicate him the proper steps.

The crowd here is very interesting. Dobzhansky is here, and Jack Schultz, and Curt Stern is expected shortly. If you come East between semesters you should spend a few days here.

As you probably have heard, I got my promotion for which I am very grateful to Cleland and to all others who approved of it. I am feeling quite well now, and hope to be practically back to normality by the end of the summer.

Best regards to you, Ruth, Ruth', and everybody.

Yours,

Luria

I plan to go to the Genetics Meeting at Cleveland, Sept. 12-14. Will you be there?

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